THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY • OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI. BRAHM DUTT): *(a)* The Economic & Commercial Suo-Oomroission of the Indo. U. S. Joint Commission met in New-Delhi on the 11. - I'-th February, 1U37. The Sub-Commission, discussed a wide range of economic issues of mutual interest including the new round of GATT negotiations. Both sidcs noted that the launching of the new round of negotiations was aimed at preserv. ing and strengthening the multilateral trading system. The Sub. Cdmrnis-sion also. agreed on the importance of holding expert level discussions so as to develop better bilateral understanding on issues involved in the r. ew round.

(b) Selection of technology is pti-marily left to the Indian entrepreneur party who after exploring different alternatives selects the one that suit? him best and thereafter applies for government's approval to to the.. collaboration. The application is considered on its merits.. While interest has been shown by American companies in having collaboration' with Indian counterparts no complaints of bottlenecks have been received by the Government.

Non-receipt of replies to complaint,. by MPs

@@2770-D. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleasej to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Mem. berg of Parliament do not receive any reply to their letters from the officials of the various ministries;

(b) if. so, v. hat has been the number of such complaints during the last three years; and

(e) what remedial measures Gov ernment propose to take; n this re gard?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUB. LIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND' THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) No instaice where reply has not been received by an MP to his letter has come to our notice. Both the Manual for handling Parliament Work in the Ministries and the Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure contain detailed ana specific pro. visions for quick disposal of letters received from the Members of Parliament. Separate instructions have been issued from time'to time not only for this purpose but also about giving information requited by them.

12. 00 Noon.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in the RajyaSabha on the 24th February, 1987, toUnstarred Question 15, regardingillegal immigrants from Pakistan

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM); Mr. Chairman, I beg tc lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th February, 1987, to Unstarred Question 15, re^ garding illegal imigrants from Pakistan. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4009/87].

Sir, I regret the error.